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TO : Director of Training EYES ONLY

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FROM : Chief, School of International
Communism and the USSRSUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 17
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. In his efforts to find some replacement speakers in the ACO course, particularly in the Latin American field, [] went to ICD for suggestions. Tom Dale referred him to a chap named Williamson who is in charge of ICD's Latin American area. [] could think of no recent returnee in WH who had experience in the ACO field so [] turned to [] in WH/FI for help. This request resulted in several excellent suggestions - all recent returnees - all with successful ACO experience. This particular incident is illustrative of the dilemma which has constantly confronted us concerning the status and role of ICD in DDP. With the exception of [] the ICD Staff appears poorly informed - and more important - excluded from the necessary contacts with DD/P operators. [] certainly should have known about these case officers and their operations. [] ran into the same situation when he was trying to gather information for []

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We get intimations of a problem in ICD/DDP relations occasionally from the desk people who participate in the ACO, but it's difficult to identify fully. [] is an autocrat, and while this may not have hurt his own position, it may be reflecting upon the general status of ICD. This may partially explain why ICD is so eager to participate in ACO and make contact with case officers entering this field. You may recall that some time ago [] suggested that SIC sponsor a monthly Anti-Communist Operations seminar which would have been a vehicle for ICD to bring the Divisions together on this problem, but the ACO itself seemed to be serving precisely this purpose.

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I raise this question only because I'm attempting to explore fully the ICD set-up before we propose a possible rotational arrangement

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to Lothar. It still appears to us that anyone under the top level in ICD would not work out too well, except, of course, your generous offer of [] services. F

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2. We have never been aware enough of the type of coverage which [] provides in the second week of his course that deals with the status of the Communist movement by area. I have suggested to the SIC staffers who have been given a particular area responsibility that they attempt to attend these sessions in either this week's running or in the May course. [] attended yesterday and came away convinced that the material was outdated, misleading, and way off the subject of Communism in Africa. I'll reserve judgment, however, until we've heard more of the presentations.

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3. I checked with [] in connection with the request from NIS for a speaker on the Soviet Intelligence Services on 24 June. His feeling was that he would be much too involved in his new assignment by then to have any real interest in breaking away for a lecture. Sympathizing with his position I hereby volunteer to accept this assignment.

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4. Tutorial Training:

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